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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY SWEDEN'S ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ON NAMIBIA

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN'S STATEMENT OF JULY 14
REGARDING THE NAMABIAN AGREEMENT.

2. THE NEWS OF A BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE
INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA BEING HELD IN LUANDA BY THE FIVE
WESTERN POWERS, THE SO-CALLED "FRONT STATES" AND SWAPO IS
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ENCOURAGING. AFTER LONG AND HARD DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS
OCCASIONS WITH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR,
THERE IS HOPE THAT THIS QUESTION CAN BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY.
THERE NOW REMAIN DISCUSSIONS IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMALIZING THE FINAL AGREEMENT. IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL POINTS OF VIEW
BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPAGN ON EQUAL FOOTING

WHEN ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED AS THE LAST STAGE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT SWAPO, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNAL FORMATION OF OPINION, BE GIVEN TIME AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELECTIONS IN A COMPLETE AND JUST MANNER.

DURING THE TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IMPARTIAL OBSERVATION IS A NECESSITY DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD. SWEDEN, AS WELL AS THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES, HAS, DURING THE UN'S EXTRA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NAMIBIA IN APRIL-MAY THIS YEAR, DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO HELP IN THIS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN. A CONDITION IS THAT SWEDEN RECEIVES A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE UN. FURTHER DETAILS AS TO WHICH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WOULD BE USED FOR MONITORING THE ELECTION IS TO BE DECIDED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

BESIDES SUPPORTING THE NEGOTIATING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA, SWEDEN FOR MANY YARS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SWAPO'S CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS THAT THE COUNTRY WILL FACE AFTER INDEPENDENCE. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE THIS POLICY AND PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO THE UN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR NAMIBIA. WE WILL MAKE AN INITIAL CONTRIBUTION OF TWO MILLION KRONER TO THE UN SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA FOR THE PLANNING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' SUPPORT TO THE COUNTRY. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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